1 15 **Read the title and look at the pictures. What do you think "VR" means? Read the text quickly and check.**

VR:

travel anywhere in the world – without leaving your home!



Isabel Palma May 21, 10:08





Look at this view! I'm at the Eiffel Tower, 276 meters above Paris. From here, the streets look like lines on a map. In the distance, I can see the modern buildings at La Defense. Nearer to me, the buildings are older. That's the Arc de Triomphe. There's the Louvre Museum by the river. Down in the street, tiny cars and buses are driving along. Everything looks so small! Now I shake my head from side to side – and day becomes night! I can see the lights all across the city. It's beautiful!

Confused? Let me explain. I wasn't really in Paris! It was a "virtual" visit. I loved it. I want to visit again! This is how it works: you need a VR (virtual reality) headset. The best ones cost hundreds of dollars. But you can get a cardboard VR headset for $10! With the cardboard VR headsets, you just download a VR app and put your smartphone into the headset – and that's it! You can "go" anywhere: you can "walk" along Copacabana beach, "surf" in Australia, and then "ride a motorcycle" around Las Vegas. And you can do all of that in one afternoon after school, without flying or driving anywhere. You can even watch VR pop videos. And once you buy the app and the headset, it's all for free!



2 Read the sentences. Choose *T* (True) or *F* (False).

1 Isabel is looking at a map. T☐ F☑
2 La Defense is near the Eiffel Tower. T☐ F☐
3 The Louvre is a river in Paris. T☐ F☐
4 All VR headsets are cheap. T☐ F☐
5 Some VR headsets cost $10. T☐ F☐
6 You can "visit" anywhere with VR. T☐ F☐
7 You can surf in Las Vegas. T☐ F☐
8 There are music videos in VR format. T☐ F☐

3 Discuss the questions.

1 Why do you think Isabel says "the streets look like lines on a map"?
2 What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of VR travel?
3 Do you want to try VR travel? Why? / Why not? Where would you like to visit?

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